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American commerce is virtually

The Earl of Derby is still talking

through it. He predicts a war crisis within a few months. The professional pacifists should

some slight regard for the protection of the Pacific. Leopold Stokowski, who was made

fully as he wields the baton. It can be proved in "black and white' that rapid transit has already come to Philadelphia-in the new taxi

day, wore his academic gown as grace

Judging by the size of the break rolls left by the bakers these mornings they are trying us out with the Greek ration of seven-eighths of an ounce

of bread per day.

Syracuse University's football coach troversy has been ended by the summary discharge of "Bill" Hollenback after ntract with him for next season had en signed. Other colleges, other cus-

she would certainly revise her verdict that there are only two kinds of ple in the world-men and women. would surely open another class for

The average housewife is not inwhen she finds that this time a year ago cabbages sold for \$11 a ton.

The British embassy's statement that less than one ship was sunk in the first two weeks of February for every hundred ships which arrived at or left British ports in that time seems to promine that the submarine is doomed to be ne as ineffectual as the Zeppelin in the way of terrorizing England.

Senator Chamberlain's universa litary service bill will fail of passage at the present session of Congress, but let us all hope that no conditions may arise after March 4 which will make such pulsory military service necessary as ad to be resorted to during the Civil War. We must not forget that men had to be drafted into the armies in a time of national peril.

Frederick Funston rose to high rank in the army because he had the natural equipment of a soldier. He was one of the men who could take a message to Garcia. Yet it sometimes hap pens that a youth will study the exrnals of a successful man's career and attempt to duplicate them in his own case in the hope that he may have simi lar success. Edison started as a news boy and was graduated from that work to a telegraph operator's chair. But youth who thinks that by becoming telegraph operator he can become an on is likely to fail, just as the the orical student who postpones his preach career till he is thirty because Spur n did not begin to preach till that is likely to remain a little man. The rd of Twickenham, who said that honor d shame from no condition rise, had rved the lives of great men to good

A committee of one Senator and ree Assemblymen of the New York ture, appointed to investigate nardrug evils, has come to the same ous conclusions as those of the heir initiative, prepared legislation to at the "dope" scourge. Will it be o over the ground a second time ty say a third time—for the New d Pennsylvania conditions are the ing the bill prepared by There are thousands of They are sick people wi

Every day that passes without action is fixing the "dope" habit more deeply in those who have just learned the terrible fascination of drugs. The Legislature should take up the bill at once and pass it

WASHINGTON, THE LIBERAL

EBRUARY 12 and February 22 are the birthday anniversaries of two great Liberals, though that fact is often obscured by some who cannot transpose the politics of a past age into the terms and Tories who, had they lived in the sixties, would have revited Lincoln, sought office in a later day in the name of Lincoln, though they had no understanding of the reason for his fame. And Washington has been praised in terms that betray a belief that the first Tory gentleman.

To believe in American nationalism in 1776 was to be as much of a Liberal as any Irish Nationalist of today, and George Washington was that kind of same as Lincoln's fight-for nationalism. They were both rebels against vested interests. Thousands of wealthy monarchists left for Canada and England rather than submit to the equality American Revolution promised, They were both fighters against hyphenism. the frame of mind which puts any for eign or sectional interest above Ameri can interests. Washington fought for Americanism; after eighty-five years Lincoln had to fight for it again; and profit, has disappeared entirely. after fifty more years this is still the leading issue in our politics and the only thing worth fighting for. No one who was not a Liberal could

have wished that our Constitution should survive as devoutly as Washington wished it. Europe had, as he said, a set of interests with a very remote relation to ours, because the most liberal minds in Europe could constantly look to this country for complete fulfillment of their most democratic am bitions. The best proof that this cona doctor of music by the University to- tinent has been primarily the nursery of free institutions is the fact that our West is made up of free States and not of colonial provinces and that South and Central America have not become European dependencies. Voices in Europe may ask us why we do not help save the world-and we may answer. of the white race intact, in competition with the yellow peoples, whom war has not torn and whose primacy on earth we alone oppose in the event of the serious as in this country. complete exhaustion of Europe?"

RIOTING WON'T HELP

If Madame de Stael were alive toare organized by professional agitators. their significance disappears. The fact the work. remains, however, that the exorbitant The average housewife is not in-food used by the poor are causing genuine brains in the country to advise in the ly interested in the news that cab-hardship. A horizontal reduction of matter of naval preparedness, surely Greeley who made this remark, in relation bages are selling at \$160 a ton. She twenty-five per cent in wages would not does not buy them that way. But she produce greater hardship. The equivalent of such a reduction has been experienced when she finds that this time a year by sixtually every man working for a reduction has been experienced by a sixtually every man working for a reduction has been experienced. fixed wage. It takes at least a dollar now to buy what seventy-five cents would buy a year ago. Rioting, however, will not bring relief. Neither will a congressional investigation into the cause of high prices. There is a shortage of food due to the failure of the producers to keep pace with the growth of population. More productive farms and bigger crops secured by intensive cultivation will rapidly bring the prices down, and noth-

THE REASON FOR MOTHERS' PENSIONS

TT COSTS \$5.85 a month to maintain a young child in its mother's home. It costs at least \$15 a month to maintain the same child in a public institution. If there were no other reason than that of economy to be urged in support of an appropriation of \$800,000 for carrying out the provisions of the mothers' pension law, that reason should be sufficient. But there are compelling social reasons of greater force which should lead the General Assembly to grant the sum asked for.

No normal mother will permit her child to be taken away from her and put in an institution if she can care for it at home The care and affection of the mother, even in direst poverty, react upon the child and make a better citizen of it than can be produced in the most scientifically and efficiently managed orphan asylum.

But this is not all. The responsibility of bringing up a child reacts upon the mother and saves her to society, when if her children were taken from her she might become an outcast.

The only objection worthy of respec that can be raised to the mothers' pension system is that there is liable to be grave abuse in the distribution of the funds. It is a system of outdoor relief, and such relief as ordinarily administered does more harm than good. It is possible however, to devise a way to prevent the misuse of the funds. A system of investigation by trustworthy agents would insure the distribution of the money to those who actually needed it. And a broad-minded, tolerant charity would give the money to some mothers whom the unicky might regard as "unworthy," because a little intelligent help given to the "unworthy poor" has been known to work

wonders of uplift. An increase in the appropriation of two years ago is imperative if the system is, to be continued. There were 2200 applicanoney enough for only 164 cases. The sappointment of those who had to be decied was most pathetic. If the legis-tors have imagination enough to put

CO-OPERATION CUTS DOWN PRICES

Danish Farmers Can Compete in English Markets Because of Their Economical Methods

THE chairman of the special commission appointed by Governor Whitman, of New York, to investigate the high cost of the present. Consummate reactionaries of living, in an address before the American Association for the Advancement of Science, said that so far the results of their work had shown that competitive methods among farmers must give way to co-operative methods, and he suggested that the much-despised middleman is the one to co-operate with the farmers. If this is to be the burden of the commission's report to Governor Whitman, President was something of a fine old it offers little comfort to those who have been expecting a way out from the pres-

There is no question that co-operation among farmers, if properly conducted. would solve the question, not only so far as the farmers themselves are concerned, a Liberal. His fight was essentially the but also for the consumers. But scientific co-operation to be supremely successful must be preceded by scientific farming, and when the nation becomes as wideawake to the necessity for the highest development of science in this form of prepardedness as it has in the matter of military preparedness, then and not until then can we expect to place the cost of living on a proper basis. In no other country in the world has co-operation among farmers been brought to such perfection as in Denmark. This has been accomplished in very recent years, and in the evolution the middleman, who previously obtained as high as 120 per cent

What has been accomplished in Denmark is possible to a degree in each of our separate States. The Danish farmers do not only co-operate in the manufacture of butter and cheese through co-operative creamerles, but they also co-operate in the marketing of their products and in the purchasing of farm implements and supplies of every kind. They get the profits both coming and going and are therefore able to sell at a low figure.

How It Affects Eggs

There are today in Denmark more than 1200 creameries conducted on the cooperative plan, the managers of which dispose of the products, thus saving the farmers' time in going to market. Each of these creameries has about 160 mem bers, owning about 950 cows. The plants were constructed at a cost of about \$7500 each and the money was borrowed from the local Farm Loan Bank. In addition, they have co-operative slaughter houses, with a membership of 4800 and 500 branches. Before the advent of co-opera-"It is nothing to keep half of the lands tion Denmark exported \$00,000 eggs yearly; now the exports amount to 430,-000,000. England is its principal market for butter, cheese and eggs, so that the matter of transportation is just as

If the numerous commissions that have been appointed all over the country to inquire into the causes of the high cost of living find, as the New York commission has, that co-operation among farmincreasing cost of living, but that they pect to get anywhere further than mere recommendations they must enlist the If this be well founded, a large part of aid of Federal and State governments in

If our Navy Department can enlist the prices now charged for certain forms of unselfish services of the best scientific food used by the poor are causing genuine | brains in the country to advise in the by sirtually every man working for a getting higher and higher for the consumer, with no remedy in sight.

> If the solution of the difficulty is scien tific co-operation among farmers, where they can reap good profits and can afford to sell at low figures, it is up to our statesmen to take the matter up in a essary combinations of farming associations as a clientele, should be a good basis i on which to make a start. E. S. R.

WASHINGTON'S TWO BIRTHDAYS In the quaint old quarto Bible, now among the following:

George Washington, son to Augustine and Mary, his wife, was born on 11th day of February, 1731-2 about 10 in

This record was made according to the old-style calendar, and while Washington's Birthday now is celebrated throughout the ountry on February 22, it is interesting to note that for a great number of years eighbors and descendants celebrated W ington's natal day on February 11 in old. Alexandria. Paul Wilstach describes this discrepancy in dates in his book, "Mount Vernon, Washington's Home and the Nation's Shrine." where he says:

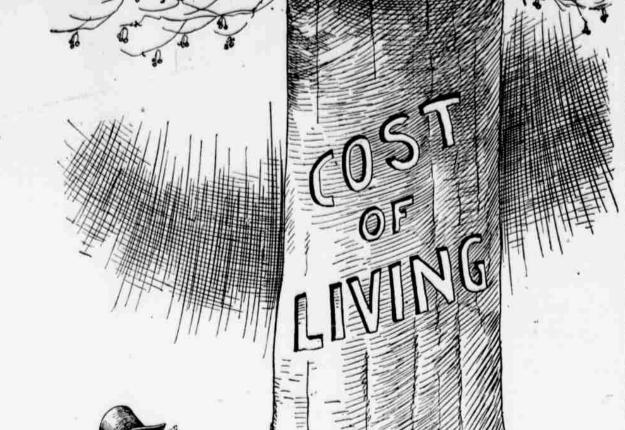
"In February he (Washington) was the guest of the citizens of Alexandria for their customary celebration of his birthday 'Many maneuvers were performed by th Iniform Corps-and an elegant ball and supper at night. This was the entry his diary for the 11th of the month. Washington was born February 11th, old style The new calendar was in vogue shortly after, which moved his birthday up to the 22d, but the old friends clung to the old fashion, and so as long as he was with them his neighbors in the little city up

iver celebrated on the 11th." These Alexandrians were very dear to the heart of Washington as neighbors and warm friends, and the General and Mrs. Washington drove up in 1784 from Moun to Alexandria to attend the first of Vernon to Alexandria to attend the first of the birth night balls, "The predecessors," according to Mr. Wilstach, "of the later Washington's Birthday, and suc seeded to the Colonial custom of celebrating the sovereign's birthday."

A double birthday celebration at Mount Vernon is recorded by Mr. Wilstach as

"Washington's Birthday was celebrated wice this year of 1789, the second time on the 22d, within the walls of his own home. There 'Miss Custis was married by candle-light to Mr. Lawe Lewis.' Washington light to Mr. Lawe Lewis. Washington chronicles events in deceptively few words. The wedding was in fact a brilliant occasion and was the culmination of a romance which enlisted the General's most interested solicitude, for Nellie Custis was the object, next to his wife, of his tenderest affection. She came into his life as a first of the control of fection. She came into his life at a time when it was apparent that his union would not be bleased with a child of his own. He adopted her and brought her to Mo Vernon and she never knew any o father or any other home than his."

FINDING MR. DANIELS OUT



FEBRUARY 22 MADE US THINK OF IT

THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Who Said "Damn the Torpedoes"?-Relation of Prayer to America's Position in the War

This Department is free to all readers who ish to express their opinions on subjects of neval interest. It is an open forum, and the resing Ledger assumes no responsive for a view of its correspondents of the signed by the same did address of the electric net necessarily for publication, but as a narantee of pool faith.

"DAMN THE TORPEDOES!"

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir-Newspapers should be careful their quotations Yesterday you quoted Farragut saying "Damn the torpedoes; go ahead!" Dewcy used this expression at ahead." Dewey used this expression at Manila. In Farragut's day they did not have torpedoes. The other day you at-tributed to Grant the saying. "The way lt was Horace said to his wife the day after the election The fact is, General Hancock did not have a wife. A good newspaper like the Eve-ING LEDGER should be sure of its facts Philadelphia, February 20. H. G. B.

[Torpedoes were used in the Civil War statesmen to take the matter up in a The few ships of the Confederates offered vigorous manner. The establishment of little opportunity for the use of torpedoes the Farm Loan Banks, with their nec. by the Federals, but the great fleet of the latter and necessity which often compelled the vessels to operate in narrow waters gave a multitude of chances which their enterprising antagonists were quick to seize. Eight Federal armorciads, nine gunboats, six transports and one cruiser were-sunk or destroyed. We are not aware of having quoted any one on "the way to renaving quoted any one. You are probably thinking of a phrase in Salmon P. Chase's letter to Horace Greeley, "The way to re-sumption is to resume." Your account of sumption is to resume." Your account of what we said Hancock said is rather ague. If you will quote the entire pas sage as it appeared we hope to be able to set forth the truth about it.-Editor of the EVENING LEDGER!

WHO IS CORRECT?

to the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir-In Sunday's Public Ledger your correspondent. Raymond G. Carroll, says that the following is inscribed on the status of "Christ of the Andes";

"Sooner shall these mountains crumble nto dust than Argentines and Chilians break the peace to which they have piedged hemselves at the feet of Christ the Reicemer. In the EVENING LEDGER of Monday, cor

tradicting Mr. Carroll's assertion that such a piedge is inscribed on the statue, Bishop Neely is reported as saying:
"That personal viewing of the famous piece during his labors in South America enabled him to say authoritatively that no inscription of any sort existed."
Philadelphia, February 20. VERITAS.

PRAYER AND THE WAR To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:

Sir-While I would not say a word against the efficacy of prayer in any great calamity, yet the war has to my mind been so emphatically and so exclusively due to human agencies, and the part we have seen incidentally playing therein, and which has resulted in the present crisis in the life of our nation, was so largely due to the elements of selfishness and greed, that now to ask God to enter into the fray and by His all-wise and unerring counsel help us decide the issue, seems like trying to place upon Him the responsibility for that which

upon Him the responsibility for that which belongs to us only.

But suppose, being moved by our inter-cessions, and regardless as to who were the instigators of the war, God, seeing that Germany is now fighting for her very life and existence as a nation, would in some manner make it manifest to President Wil-son and his advisers that she is justified in so doing, and that we are wrong in giving son and his advisers that she is justified in so doing, and that we are wrong in giving our support to her adversaries, would we, as the pro-ally nation that we are, be ready and willing to acquiesce in that decree? I am afraid not. And yet had we been strictly neutral from the beginning of the conflict to the present time, aiding ne there side, who would dare to say that the world-conditions would be as they are today?

Knowing, then, that we have been instrumental in bringing about present conditions are we sure that our course has been the present one to pursue? Are we sure that

cuting and prolonging the war has been in harmony with the Divine will? God may try to influence and direct men, but he will not compel them to obey, sur as soon, therefore, as those responsible for the in-stigation and continuance of this war are willing to eliminate from their hearts and minds the elements of serishness, envy. jealousy and greed and make their will subservient to the Divine will the struggle will end, and not until then. W. Allentown, Pa., February 18.

THE GERMAN-IRISH

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir-It is a safe bet that nowadays when we read a pro-German or anti-English or peace advocate letter and come to the signature we will find either a German or Ir sh name. The Germans naturally can see only good in their country, only wickedness in England and have only contempt and kindred feeling for the United States. As to the Irish, though professediy a lib-erty-loving and idealistic people, they allow their hatred for England to carry them into the camp of Germany, a nation which under other c.rcumstances would seem utterly antagonistic and abhorrent to them. Sup-posing, just supposing, that it was Eng-land who had instituted the barbarous and inhumane submarine war. would have been filled with trate letters of our irish residents, crying aloud Eng-land's infamy to the skies and urging the nited States to avenge the blood of her slain innocents. Surely, it is a very sad state for so many representatives of a nation like Ireland to fall in; they are in-deed "blinded" with hatred. It is, indeed. lucky for them that they live in these free inited States, for I, who have lived in Germany, can assure them that if at a critical time like this they would give vent to their sympathies like, for instance, Mr. Coy and Mr. McNulty have done, for a nation with which the United States is at odds, and if the case were reversed and they were living in Germany and uttered such pro-Ameri-

LOCATING MR. FOSS

Philadelphia, February 18.

can views, they would find themselves de-prived of their liberty. J. H.

Eugene Foss was one of Billy Sunday's coston converts, but it is hard so say whether the conversion was from Republicanism or Democracy-Gene's so hard to

THE OLD HOUSE

Cold and cheerless, bare and bleak. The old house fronts the shabby street; And the dull windows eastward gaze, As their cobwebed brows they raise, Just as though they looked to see What had become of you and me And all the other children.

The little feet thread there no more; But o'er the stage, still standing there The Muse first stalked with tragic air And whispered low to you and me Of golden days that were to be For us and all the children.

Good-by, old house! Thy tattered cloak Is fringed with moss and gray with smoke Within thy walls we used to see A gaunt old wolf named Poverty; from thy rafters' dingy bars ladder stretched up to the stars-For us and all the children.

Grace Duffle Boylan, in the Rochester
Evening Times.

All Points of the Compass Rubaiyat of a Commuter

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I went one day to call on Neighbor Shaw.
(His Kid is quite the worst I ever saw)
His Father said, "Come Johnny, speak
your Piece?"
He bawled and said, "I needn't, Need I.

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wished he wouldn't. Why should I hear, pray, About the Hesperus, or One-Hoss Shay? Or why the Curfew rang, or what or When Sheridan was Twenty Miles Away

LXXXII

But when MY children stand up to recite,
That is, of course, a different matter, quite.
You should hear Jim's "Horatio at the
Bridge!"
I tell you he's an Orator, all right.

One of Bert Taylor's contribulations asks him why a lady discharged from her post of employment in the offices of the Ameri-can Can Company couldn't have achieved a headline in the newspaper as, "Canned from the Can Company." B. L. T. sug-gests "Canned" as being sufficient. Which leads us up to the query. Why should the

What Do You Know?

Overies of general interest will be answered in this column. Ten questions, the answers to which every well-informed person should know. are asked daily.

1. What is the population of Cuba?
2. What is a "Lenten suit" (of clothes)?
3. What great American soldier became a college president?
4. What

4. What is a hectometer?

5. What is a nectometer?
5. What is the Duma?
6. Where is President Jackson buried?
7. What is bumblefoot?
8. What part of this country's area is covered by forests?

9. What State first ratified the Constitution? 10. Who was Ymer? Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

ware Washington's father was Augustine Washington, a landed proprietor of West-moreland County Vu. He married twice and had ten children. George's mother Mary Balt, was his father's second wife. England obtains most of its oil from Mexico where there are large British interests.

martyry is a chapel or shrine erected in "The Lion of the North" was Gustavus Adolphus, King of Sweden, 1611-32, also called Gustavus II.

 Presidents Monroe and Tyler are buried in Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, Va. 6. A millimeter is one-thousandth of a meter (.03937 of an inch), the smallest unit of the metric system in use.

7. The average yield of potatoes per acre in Germany is 183 bushels; in the United States, 113 bushels.

8. An archipelago is an island group, or a sea-body interspersed with islands. 9. The morning stars now are Venus (January 1-April 25) and Mercury (January 18-March 29)

El Dorado is Spanish for "The Golden," meaning a wealthy country.

Automobile Maps

B. B.—The Automobile Club of Philadel-phia, 23 South Twenty-third street, pub-lishes automobile road maps of Pennsyl-vania and adjoining territory, and through the club you may obtain automobile maps of other States.

MERION-"K. O." is the abbreviation for "knock out" in prizefighting. A boxer is adjudged to be "knocked out" if he is to rise within ten counts by referee (about ten seconds). The nickname "K. O." is given to or assumed by boxers supposed to be capable of knocking out their opponents.

Best Book Stores

L. B.—It would be difficult to name the "best" book stores in the city without knowing the nature of the books you want. Inquiry at any library probably would you the information you wish. In the phone directories, under "Books," are

R. T., JR.—A passport issued by the De-partment of State expires within six

Mothers' "Pensions" R. P. M .- Yes, the State, not the Federal

Government, pays monthly allowances to widowed mothers or mothers whose hushands are permanently insane, who have children under the legal working age. The laws governing the allowances, which are made possible in twenty-nine States through so-called "widow mothers' pension" acts, vary in the different States. In Pennsylvania the widowed mother must prove her moral and physical fitness for caring for the child and the necessity of aid. To accepted applicants there is paid \$12 a month for one child, \$20 for two, \$26 for three and \$5 for each additional child. The allowances are administered by a board appointed by the Governor. Applications should be made in person to the Mothers' Assistance Fund. fifth floor, 1414 South Penn Square.

SAM LOYD'S PUZZLE CHARLIE CHAPLIN handed the bank cashier a United States banknote and

"Please break this into "small-tim

change. Give me some ones, twice as many twos, five times as many fives as twos, ten times as many tens as fives and the balance in twenties." Now, what is the smallest United States banknote that Charlie could have furnished to pay for that change?

Answer to Yesterday's Puzzle OUR cents would buy nine pears

Tom Daly's Column

LEETLA GIORGIO WASHEENTON You know wats for ees school keep out Dees holiday, my sonf Wal, den, I ponna tal you 'bout Dees Giorgio Washeenton.

Wal, Giorgio was leetla keed Ees leeve long time ago, An' he gon' school for learn to read An' write hees nam', you know, He moocha like for gona school An' learna hard all day, Baycause he no gat time for fool

He start from home, but he ees no Show up een school at all! Oh, my! hees pop ees gatta mad An' so he tal hees wife: 'Som' leetla boy ees gon' feel bad Today, you bat my life!" An' den he grab a bigga steeck

Weeth bada keeds an' play.

Ees steell so vera small,

Wal, wan cold day wen Giorgio

An' gon' out een da snow An' lookin' all aroun' for seek Da lectla Giorgio. Ha! wat you theenk? Firs' theeng he see Where leetla boy he stan',

All tangla up een cherry tree, Weeth hatchet een hees han'. "Ha! wat you do?" hees pop he say, "Wat for you busta rule An' stay away like dees for play Eenstead for gon' to school?"
Da boy ces say: "I no can lie,

I stay away from school for try An' gat som' wood for you. I theenka deesa cherry tree Ees gooda size for chop, An' so I cut heem down, you see, For justa help my pop." Hees Pop he no can gatta mad, But looka please' an' say:

An' so I speaka true.

Ees good for leetla boy, you see, For be so bright an' try For help hees pop; so den he he A granda man bimeby. So now you gatta holiday An' eet ces good, you know, For you gon' do da sama way Like leetla Giorgio.

'My leetla boy, I am so glad

You taka holiday."

Don't play so mooch, but justa stop, Eef you want be som' good, An' justa help your poor old pop By carry home some wood: An' mebbe so like Giorgio You grow for be so great You gona be da Presidant

Of dese Unita State'.

This is the way these things usually come about: "Mehercle!" cries the colyumist, lacing his shoes in the morning, "would that I had a poem fit to grace the colyum's apex." "Le's see," says Uxor Amica in her customary helpful way, "what day is it?" "'Tis the ides of February and then some-in fact, the brom-ides-Washington's Birthday no less. Jove! there's that Italian thing of mine from 'Canzoni.'" "Well, dear, why not republish that?" So the colyumist runs it, marked "reprinted by request."

CANNED OPENERS

Predigested Preludes Prepared for Postprandial Prattlers

Let us-after locking the door-assume hat one of our pupils is to speak, some Friday evening in Lent, at the annual canquet of the Men's Sodality of St. Columkille's Church. He will arise, when called, and at once begin to win the favor of his audience, speaking as follows:

My friends: I must at the outset congratulate you upon your sobriety. I have in my house several pictures of joily monks in a wine cellar, and I rather expected—by the way, speaking of wine cellars, there was a priest in Ireland who called in a man from the village to clean house for him. But be-fore I tell that, did you hear about Chief Murphy, of the Fire Department? One of your people remarked to another with great admiration: "Chief Murphy's a fine-lookin little man, ain't he?" "Weil," said the other, "You might say that, but you know he digs with his left foot, he's a Prodestant."
"Ah! ye don't tell me." said the other.
"Well, come to think of it, ye can see it stickin' out all over his jib, can't ye? But to go on with the other story.

The priest was amazed at the number of wine and whisky bottles the man had spread out on the lawn. "Well. Michael." said his reverence. "there are a lot of dead soldiers there." "Aye." said Michael, "but let ye not bother yer head about them: sure ivry wan o' them had the priest before he died."

This should carry the speaker pretty close to his finish, and there we leave

SAILOR'S CHANTY . WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Howard A. Banks, of North Carolina, who has been private secretary to Secretary Daniels since March 4, 1913, has resigned that office to accept the position of associate editor of the Sunday School Times, of Philadelphia. —News dispatch.

Yo-ho, my Jads, yo-ho! To wider seas I go. For youth's a stuff brooks no delay In grape juice dalliance day by day, And so away! away! away! I'll have my fling, lads, while I may

To wider seas I go And larger life I'll know, For my young blood sings and climbs At thought of the feel Of a trick at the wheel Of the rollicking Sunday School Times.

Sir-In a Sunday contemp. a wanted ad reads: "Wanted, 75 men to clean streets; white and colored; good pay, etc." May I suppose the colored streets to be Brown, Green, Pearl, etc.? J. H. D.

And from a distinguished Eve. Conemp. we cull:

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS ASS drum, snare drum and cymbal, all for \$15, also orange angora cat. Phone Kens. 6192

Tuneful music and lovely stage pic tures at the Metropolitan on Tuesday night, but the story ("Francesca da Rimini") sent us into the night with a bad taste in the mouth. The notion of one brother egging on a second to kill a third is too unbelievable to stir human sympathy and—next to Shelley's "Cenci" is our idea of absolute imposs warmer of opera bosoms.

ADD FAMOUS TRIPLETS Pair, fat and forty.

Bread, butter and coffee.

Virtue, liberty and independence.

Three rings (count 'em).

Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

S. E. P., L. H. J. and C. G.

Three cheers.

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